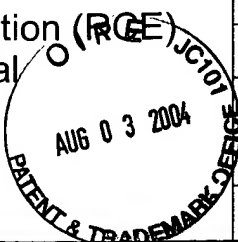


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First Named Inventor	Adriano Aguzzi
Art Unit	1648
Examiner Name	U. Winkler
Attorney Docket Number	6458.US.O1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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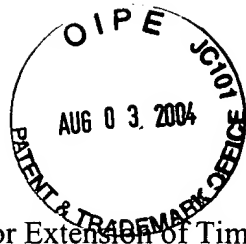
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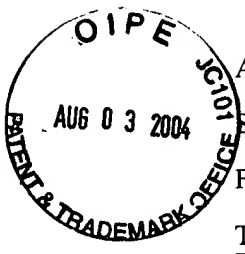
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Filed: September 1, 2000

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Group Art Unit: 1648

Examiner: U. Winkler

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This Amendment and Response is being submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed on November 14, 2003, in connection with the above-identified application. This Amendment and Response constitutes the submission required under 37 C.F.R. 1.114 for the Request for Continued Examination (RCE).

Amendments to the claims start on page 2.

Remarks start on page 4.